

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-6, 8, and 10-19 as follows:

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1. (Currently amended) A search system comprising:

an inputting device inputting query specification information, for a single search, which information collectively specifies a plurality of times of a full text search ~~through~~ is executed using a plurality of search condition combinations for a comparison of a plurality of search results from the plurality of times of the full text search is executed, each of the combinations representing any search query which includes a plurality of search conditions, combined by logical operators, ~~for a single time of the full text search~~; and

an instructing device instructing the specified plurality of execution times of the full text search, and instructing text information specified by each of the combinations being searched for in each ~~time~~ execution of the full text search,

wherein the plurality of search condition combinations are input as components of the single search, making the search multi-dimensional,

wherein each of the search condition combinations is not combined with any other of the search condition combinations by a logical operator, and

wherein each of the search results is output as a search result which is compared with another of the search results by a user.

2. (Currently amended) The search system according to claim 1,  
wherein said inputting device inputs the query specification information in ~~a form of a table~~  
form.

3. (Currently amended) The search system according to claim 1,  
further comprising:

a generating device automatically generating the plurality of search  
condition combinations based on the query specification information, wherein

said instructing device instructs at the full text search according to the  
plurality of search condition combinations generated by said generating device.

4. (Currently amended) The search system according to claim 1,  
further comprising:

a changing device changing a portion of the search conditions included in the  
query specification information, wherein said instructing device instructs a selective full text  
search for the changed portion.

5. (Currently amended) A search system comprising:  
an obtaining device obtaining a plurality of search results for a single search,  
the plurality of search results resulting from a plurality of times of a full text ~~sets of~~ search is

6/ executed using ~~through~~ a plurality of search condition combinations, each of the combinations representing any search query which includes a plurality of search conditions, combined by logical operators, ~~for a single time of the full text search~~, and text information specified by each of the combinations being searched for in each ~~time~~ execution of the full text search; and

an outputting device collectively outputting output information corresponding to the plurality of search results for a comparison of the plurality of search results,

wherein the plurality of search condition combinations are input as components of the single search, making the search multi-dimensional,

wherein each of the search condition combinations is not combined with any other of the search condition combinations by a logical operator, and

wherein each of the search results is output as a search result which is compared with another of the search results by a user.

6. (Currently amended) The search system according to claim 5, wherein said outputting device outputs the output information in ~~a form of a table~~ form.

7. (Original) The search system according to claim 5, wherein said outputting device switches and outputs at least two or more items of information among the number of hits, a related word, and a search result list, as the output information.

8. (Currently amended) The search system according to claim 5,  
further comprising:

a reflecting device reflecting a search result regarding a changed portion ~~on~~in  
the output information when ~~the~~a portion of search conditions included in the plurality of  
search condition combinations is changed.

9. (Original) The search system according to claim 5, wherein said  
outputting device comprises a graph device outputting graph information which represents  
the output information.

10. (Currently amended) The search system according to claim 9,  
wherein said outputting device selectively outputs a search result list corresponding to a  
portion of graph information of ~~the~~a number of hits, when said graph device outputs the  
graph information of the number of hits.

11. (Currently amended) A search system comprising:  
an inputting device inputting query specification information, for a single  
search, which information collectively specifies a plurality of times ~~of~~a full text search  
~~through~~is executed using a plurality of search condition combinations for a comparison of a  
plurality of -search results from the plurality of times ~~of~~the full text search is executed, each

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of the combinations representing any search query which includes a plurality of search conditions, combined by logical operators, ~~for a single time of the full text search;~~

a searching device performing the specified plurality of execution times of the full text search, and searching for text information specified by each of the combinations ~~being searched for~~ in each ~~time~~ execution of the full text search; and

an outputting device collectively outputting output information corresponding to the plurality of search results,

wherein the plurality of search condition combinations are input as components of the single search, making the search multi-dimensional,

wherein each of the search condition combinations is not combined with any other of the search condition combinations by a logical operator, and

wherein each of the search results is output as a search result which is compared with another of the search results by a user.

12. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium on which is recorded a program for causing a computer to execute a process, said process comprising:

inputting query specification information for a single search, which information collectively specifies a plurality of times ~~of a full text search~~ through which is executed using a plurality of search condition combinations for a comparison of a plurality of search results

El from the plurality of times ~~of~~ the full text search is executed, each of the combinations representing any search query which includes a plurality of search conditions, combined by logical operators, ~~for a single time of the full text search~~; and

instructing the specified plurality of execution times of the full text search, and instructing text information specified by each of the combinations being searched for in each ~~time~~ execution of the full text search,

wherein the plurality of search condition combinations are input as components of the single search, making the search multi-dimensional,

wherein each of the search condition combinations is not combined with any other of the search condition combinations by a logical operator, and

wherein each of the search results is output as a search result which is compared with another of the search results by a user.

13. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium on which is recorded a program for causing a computer to execute a process, said process comprising:

obtaining a plurality of ~~search results for~~ in a single search, the plurality of search results corresponding to a plurality of times ~~of~~ a full text search ~~though~~ is executed using a plurality of search condition combinations, each of the combinations representing any search query which includes a plurality of search conditions, combined by logical operators,

91 ~~for a single time of the full text search,~~ and text information specified by each of the combinations being searched for in the full text search; and

collectively outputting output information corresponding to the plurality of search results for a comparison of the plurality of search results,

wherein the plurality of search condition combinations are input as components of the single search, making the search multi-dimensional;

wherein each of the search condition combinations is not combined with any other of the search condition combinations by a logical operator, and

wherein each of the search results is output as a search result which is compared with another of the search results by a user.

14. (Currently amended) A search method comprising:

collectively specifying a plurality of search condition combinations in a full text search, each of the combinations representing any search query which includes a plurality of search conditions for text information;

performing an information search based on specified information;

obtaining a plurality of search results ~~for~~in a single search, the plurality of search results corresponding to a plurality of times of a full text search through~~is executed~~using the plurality of search condition combinations, each of the combinations representing any search query which includes a plurality of search conditions, combined by logical

41 operators, ~~for a single time of the full text search~~, and text information specified by each of the combinations being searched for in each time of the full text search; and

collectively outputting output information corresponding to the plurality of search results for a comparison of the plurality of search results,

wherein the plurality of search condition combinations are input as components of the single search, making the search multi-dimensional,

wherein each of the search condition combinations is not combined with any other of the search condition combinations by a logical operator, and

wherein each of the search results is output as a search result which is compared with another of the search results by a user.

15. (Currently amended) A search system comprising:

inputting means for inputting query specification information for a single search, which information collectively specifies a plurality of times ~~of a full text search~~ through this executed using a plurality of search condition combinations for a comparison of a plurality of search results from the plurality of times ~~of the full text search~~ is executed, each of the combinations representing any search query which includes a plurality of search conditions, combined by logical operators, ~~for a single time of the full text search~~; and



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instructing means for instructing the specified plurality of times of the full text search is executed, and instructing text information specified by each of the combinations being searched for in each time of the full text search,

wherein the plurality of search condition combinations are input as components of the single search, making the search multi-dimensional,

wherein each of the search condition combinations is not combined with any other of the search condition combinations by a logical operator, and

wherein each of the search results is output as a search result which is compared with another of the search results by a user.

16. (Currently amended) A search system comprising:

obtaining means for obtaining a plurality of search results for in a single search,  
the plurality of search results corresponding to a plurality of times of a full search through  
executed using a plurality of search condition combinations, each of the combinations representing any search query which includes a plurality of search conditions, combined by logical operators, ~~for a single time of the full text search,~~ and text information specified by each of the combinations being searched for in each time of the full text search; and

outputting means for collectively outputting output information corresponding to the plurality of search results for a comparison of the plurality of search results,

41 wherein the plurality of search condition combinations are input as components  
of the single search, making the search multi-dimensional,

wherein each of the search condition combinations is not combined with any  
other of the search condition combinations by a logical operator, and

wherein each of the search results is output as a search result which is  
compared with another of the search results by a user.

17. (Currently amended) A search system comprising:

an inputting device inputting, as part of a single search multi-dimensional query  
specification information which specifies a plurality of times ~~of~~ a full text search ~~through~~ this  
executed using a plurality of search condition types for a comparison of a plurality of search  
results from the plurality of times of the full text search, at least one of the search condition  
types including a plurality of search condition elements, and a plurality of queries specified  
by all combinations of each of the search condition elements in each of the search condition  
types; and

an instructing device instructing the specified plurality of times ~~of~~ the full text  
search is executed, and instructing text information specified by each of the plurality of  
queries being searched for in each time of the full text search,

wherein respective search condition elements are combined by logical  
operators in each of the queries,

21 wherein each of the queries is not combined with any other of the queries by a logical operator, and

wherein each of the search results is output as a search result which is compared with another of the search results by a user.

18. (Currently amended) A search system comprising:

an obtaining device obtaining a plurality of search results, within a single search, for a plurality of times of a full text search through this executed, using a plurality of queries specified by all combinations of each of the search condition elements in each of the search condition types, text information specified by each of the plurality of queries being searched for in each ~~time~~execution of the full text search, and multi-dimensional query specification information specifying a plurality of search condition types, at least one of the search condition types including a plurality of search condition elements, ~~and the plurality of queries specified by all combinations of each of the search condition elements in each of the search condition types~~; and

an outputting device collectively outputting output information corresponding to the plurality of search results for a comparison,

wherein respective search condition elements are combined by logical operators in each of the queries,

81 wherein each of the queries is not combined with any other of the queries by a logical operator, and

wherein each of the search results is output as a search result which is compared with another of the search results by a user.

19. (Currently amended) A search system comprising:

an inputting device inputting a number of dimensions of an input array of a single search, ~~a number of elements in each of the dimensions~~ having a number of elements, and a plurality of search conditions ~~for each of the dimensions~~, and registering the input search conditions to the input array;

a generating device automatically generating a plurality of search expressions which cover all possible combinations of the search conditions registered to the input array, by combining each search condition in each of the dimensions with each search condition in another of the dimensions by a logical operator; and

an instructing device instructing a plurality of times ~~of a full text search~~ is executed, each of which is specified by each of the search expressions, to obtain respective search results, each of which is compared with another of the search results by a user.